

their discussions with him because they know he will be fair in his reporting of political developments and news."

Sioux Falls Argus Leader publisher Randell Beck says, "Dave is the hardest working journalist I know. He's often at work when I arrive—hunkered down, on the phone, in his cubicle that is eternally overstuffed with reports, stacks of old papers, scrawled notes on napkins—and he's often there when I leave."

I am among those who have long valued Dave's political instincts, wit and wisdom. During my years in the State legislature and in Congress, I missed very few of his political columns. I always knew Dave would be well prepared when he interviewed me. Over his career, David has interviewed every national political candidate and office holder who came to South Dakota. David was always fair and honest in his reporting.

David and I would frequently meet for coffee where it was often more interesting to hear the political news from him directly rather than waiting for his column to appear in the paper. I sometimes got more out of those coffees than he did from me. But most importantly, I valued his friendship and insight. I know he will have more time now to add to his impressive collections of baseball cards and political buttons. He may also find more time to follow his beloved Atlanta Braves.

Thank you, David, for sharing your career with the newspaper readers and the citizens of South Dakota—a career filled with professionalism and dedication. You are a true credit to your craft.●

TRIBUTE TO DELBERT F. REYNOLDS

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I recognize and congratulate Delbert F. Reynolds on his retirement as the field office director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development office in Wisconsin.

For the past 41 years, Mr. Reynolds has dedicated himself to helping others through his work with HUD. During his tenure, he served under eight Presidents and 13 of the 15 HUD Secretaries. In 1987, he became director of the Milwaukee Field Office, where he coordinated and oversaw all programs assigned to the office. His 23 years in this position make him the longest serving field office director in Milwaukee's history and an asset to our State that will be greatly missed.

While director, Mr. Reynolds has contributed significantly to HUD and its programs. His insight and experience lead to his selection as special adviser to HUD policymakers. In Wisconsin, he created many successful programs, which were then incorporated on a national level.

Mr. Reynolds's leadership and dedication have not gone unnoticed by his peers. He has received numerous

awards for his service, including the Manager of the Year Award and the Vice President's National Performance Review—Hammer—Award in 1998. Given to those who work towards a better government, this award recognized Mr. Reynolds for his team's efforts on Section 8 financial management. His awards reflect not only his contributions to HUD and our Nation but also his commendable work ethic.

A native of Milwaukee and an alumnus from the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Reynolds exemplifies dedication to providing quality, affordable housing to the people of Wisconsin and public service at its finest. On behalf of our State, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for the 41 years of service Mr. Reynolds has provided.●

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND SAM MANN

● Mrs. McCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me today in honoring the work of Reverend Sam Mann, a leader in the Kansas City community. Reverend Mann's retirement is yet one more wonderful milestone in a life of service.

Sam was raised in Eufala, AL, and made Kansas City his home as a young man. Over the years, he has been a tireless civil rights advocate in Kansas City and the Nation. He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and participated in numerous activities to raise awareness of race and justice issues.

Since 1971, Sam has been the pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in downtown Kansas City. He has been the executive director of United Inner City Services, a multiservice community-based agency, since 1967.

I have always known Reverend Mann as "rubber band." This derives from the time I was walking with him through a roomful of young children who were attending a program he had designed that predated his establishment of the St. Mark center. From the beginning, Sam was always looking out for children. As we were walking through the room, the children were pulling on his coat tail saying, "Reverend Mann, Reverend Mann" but it sounded like "rubber band, rubber band." From that day forward, he has always been "rubber band" to me.

Sam believes in the importance of education and has been a strong advocate for early childhood education. Under his leadership, St. Mark Child and Family Development Center was established. This center started in a church basement and now is located in a beautiful state-of-the-art facility. In addition, the center serves as a neighborhood anchor, providing a safe, warm and attractive site for a variety of community services. St. Mark annually serves approximately 225 very low and low-income families through its early childhood education program, before- and after-school program and summer camp. These children and their

families have been forever impacted by Sam's work and dedication.

Sam was the founder of the Presbyterian Urban Ministers Network, was a cosponsor of Kansas City's Urban Peace & Justice Summit, and served on the Board of the Black Archives of Mid-America. For 25 years, he has served as chair of Kansas City's local chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

While we hope that retirement affords Sam some much deserved relaxation and time on the golf course, we also look forward to his continued involvement in education projects and social justice issues important to the lives of Kansas Citians.

Mr. President, I ask that the Senate join me in congratulating and honoring Reverend Sam Mann on his retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4785. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to certain entities that agree that the funds will be used to make loans to consumers to implement energy efficiency measures involving structural improvements and investments in cost-effective, commercial off-the-shelf technologies to reduce energy use, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3562) to designate the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, and Roy K. Moore Federal Building".

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3656. An act to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to improve the reporting on sales of livestock and dairy products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3978. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept and